Statement

Details of post offices district wise & category-wise till date

Sl. No.	Name of District	Head Post Offices	Depart-mental Sub Post Offices	Extra Depart-mental Sub Post Offices	Extra Depart-mental Branch Offices	Total
1.	Mumbai	11	254	—	9	274
2.	Ahmednagar	2	104	—	539	645
3.	Akola	1	47	5	340	393
4.	Amrawati	2	52	20	373	447
5.	Aurangabad	1	58	—	299	358
6.	Buldana	2	56	8	280	346
7.	Bhandana	2	32	7	259	300
8.	Beed	1	33	—	285	319
9.	Chandrapur	1	33	5	262	301
10.	Dhule	1	53	—	399	453
11.	Gadchiroli	—	17	—	204	221
12.	Jalna	1	20	—	145	166
13.	Jalgaon	3	71	14	424	512
14.	Kolhapur	3	92	10	435	540
15.	Latur	1	29	—	256	286
16.	Nagpur	3	109	7	226	345
17.	Nanded	1	50	—	404	455
18.	Nasik	3	90	—	571	664
19.	Osmanabad	1	29	—	244	275
20.	Pune	3	208	1	582	794
21.	Parbhani	1	32	—	270	303
22.	Raigad	2	43	3	276	324
23.	Ratnagiri	2	79	4	553	638
24.	Solapur	2	93	5	431	531
25.	Satara	2	88	9	556	655
26.	Sangli	2	80	15	326	423
27.	Sindhudurga	2	55	5	291	353
28.	Thane	3	113	3	317	436
29.	Wardha	1	29	3	152	185
30.	Yeotmal	1	42	5	321	369
	TOTAL	61	2091	129	10029	12310

Crash of IAF helicopter in Siachen

1304. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF-MF-17 helicopter which crashed in Siachen sometime in August, 1996 was actually shot down by a Pakistani missile;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (Shri N.V.N. Somu): (a) to (c) The report of the Court of Inquiry ordered to ascertain the cause of MI-17 helicopter accident in Siachen

on 26th August, 1996 is awaited. However, certain measures to preclude recurrence of accidents of this nature have been taken.

सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में परिवर्तन

1305. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रक्षा विशेषज्ञों ने सरकार को सुरक्षा व्यवस्थाओं में आमूल-चूल परिवर्तन करने के सुझाव दिए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इससे जुड़ी आवश्यकताओं का पता लगाने और इसके लिए अपेक्षित धनराशि का आकलन करने का कार्य शुरू कर दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) जी, नहीं। सरकार को सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में आमूल-चूल परिवर्तन करने के लिए रक्षा विशेषज्ञों की ओर से कोई सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) तथा (ग) नीतिगत मामले के रूप में रक्षा आवश्यकताओं को लगातार बनी हुई अद्यतन खतरे की संभावनाओं के आधार पर निर्धारित किया जाता है और इस संबंध में राष्ट्रीय नीति के अनुरूप आवश्यक उपाय किए जाते हैं।

Action plan for participation of private sector in modernisation of Ports

1306. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for the modernisation of Major Ports in the country with the participation of private sector and foreign agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major ports in Maharashtra which are likely to be covered in the plan with details thereof; and

(d) the details of the proposals pending with Government to create additional facilities at Visakhaptnam port with private investment?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) It has been assessed that demand for port capacity would be 424 million tonnes by 2002 AD which is much higher than that available at present. In order to meet a major part of requirements of port capacity, the major ports have been thrown open for private sector participation & guidelines issued for the purpose. The Major Ports of Bombay & Jawaharlal Nehru in Maharashtra are also covered by these guidelines.

(d) No such proposal is pending with the Government.

Additional facilities at Visakhapatnam

1307. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an additional outer harbour to the existing one to create additional berthing facilities at Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration to extend the Port or to create additional berthing facilities at nearby Gangavaram to cater to the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plan and to ease the congestion at Visakhapatnam Port;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE